Invention I (Claims 1 through 18 drawn to a process for the preparation of protein hydrolysate, classified in class 435, subclass 68.1, for example) and Invention II (Claims 19 through 22 drawn to a protein hydrolysate, classified in clas 424, subclass 94.63, for example).

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Claims 1 through 18

(Invention I) without traverse. In so electing, Applicants reserve the right to submit a divisional application directed to non-elected Claims 19 through 22 at a later time.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending Claims 1 through 18 as currently presented are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 202-624-3947 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding *before* issuing another action. The undersigned attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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